

UNITED STATES TOTALLY UNPREPARED FOR WAR

Gardner Declares National Security From Military Point of View Is Undetermined.

ASKS INQUIRY BY COMMISSION

Effect of Vast Sums of Money Spent by Carnegie in His Peace Propaganda Is to Hind American to Existing Conditions.

WASHINGTON, October 15.—Inquiry into the preparedness of the United States for war, "offensive or defensive," by a national security commission, as proposed in a joint resolution introduced today in the House by Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, who recently returned from the war zone in Europe.

Have introduced this resolution," said Mr. Gardner, "because I know that a public hearing will open the eyes of Americans to a situation which is being concealed from them. The United States is totally unprepared for a war, defensive or offensive, against any power. In my opinion the effect of the vast sums of money spent by Carnegie in his peace propaganda has been to lead Americans to believe that our national security from a military point of view is undetermined.

"Nearly every army and navy officer to whom I have spoken (tells me the same story of inadequate security. I have yet to speak to a single member of either the Committee on Naval Affairs or the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives in whose judgment the United States is not in private make exactly the same admission. Yet all these gentlemen seem to consider it their duty to refrain from any public statement."

Mr. Gardner declared with respect to the present European War that his views were "not those of a neutral."

"I am entirely convinced," said he, "that the German cause is unholy, and moreover a menace to the principles of democracy. But no matter which side wins, we must remember that since the beginning of time, victorious nations have proved headstrong and high handed. We must begin to reorganize our military strength if we expect to be able to resist high-handed cases when the day of necessity comes."

Business Men Organize.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MINERAL, VA., October 15.—The Business Men's Association of this town was formed last night with the following officers: L. A. Kenyon, president; D. E. Bumpass, secretary; C. Y. Kimbrough, treasurer.

KAISER'S SPY SYSTEM OF INVALUABLE AID

London Newspaper Man, Just Back From Berlin, Tells of Chat Concerning Secret Service.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, October 15.—A London newspaper man, just back from Berlin, further describes his experiences to-day. He gives an account of a chat about the Kaiser's spy system with a German officer, who said:

"We are the only nation on earth who know how to organize a secret service—spies—in a very ridiculous word we have informants. They mix in all classes of society and manage to get everywhere, from the royal palace to a small country shop, from the barracks to the Premier's house."

"Certainly, nine-tenths of those who have been arrested as our emissaries in France, England and Russia, had nothing to do with it; most of the real ones are still doing their job—doing it well, too."

"We know everything that happens in England. We know the exact number and destination of troops sent from Britain to the Continent. We know of every one who goes in or out of England, also his business and intentions."

"I know Lord Kitchener is struggling to win a victory of opinion in the darkness for fear of Zeppelins, that the King and the royal family have left Buckingham Palace for a small private house, and that the King is afraid of bomb dropping."

"It is really very childish for the British officials to think we shall send a lone airship to drop a few bombs in London. They would not do much harm, and they would not do much with the result that Kitchener would perhaps get on better with his recruiting. We know Englishmen and their quiet nature perfectly. They are still asleep, and we would be very foolish to wake them up."

"All the men and women, especially the women, who were supposed to be spying for Russia in Germany and Austria were playing a double game. Russia was persuaded they were spying for her. Instead, they were spying for us. A few useless, fantastic reports sent to St. Petersburg were good enough to put them in the confidence of generals and archdukes, so they could get for us every important secret."

"France never had a proper secret service worth talking about, and the few attempts England made in that direction were clumsily done. It was really pathetic to see how the poor chaps got into trouble sending home information, and plans which they could easily have copied from railway maps and tourist books."

McBride—Strain.

FRIDELTICKSBURG, VA., October 15.—Dr. Stewart McBride, formerly of this city, son of Rev. Dr. J. D. McBride, for years the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church of this city, and Miss Emma Strain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Strain, of Savannah, Ga., were married at Savannah, Ga., and returned to this city by the train.

Centralia Man Injured.

Clarke Swallow, of Centralia, Va., yesterday suffered a broken leg and arm when an automobile, in which he was riding, became unmanageable and crashed into a tree, hurling him some distance through the air. He was brought to Memorial Hospital, where last night he was resting comfortably. He is about sixty years old.

WILSON FOR ECONOMY

Determined That Appropriations Next Year Shall Be Less Than This Year.

WASHINGTON, October 15.—President Wilson to-day reiterated his determination that government appropriations next year shall be less than those of this year. He told callers every effort would be made to keep the expenditures down, and that he had strongly impressed this on members of the Cabinet and of the Senate and House.

President Wilson is hopeful of the establishment soon of a budget, by which the finances of the government could be handled in a more business-like way. Because of the limited time in the next session of Congress, however, he thought it would be impossible to create such a system before the next Congress.

Pedneau—Egerton.

VICTORIA, B. C., October 15.—Miss Mildred Egerton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Egerton, of Canada, formerly of Victoria, was married here to-night at the home of her father, Mrs. J. L. Abbott, to Bernard L. Pedneau, train dispatcher here for the Virginia Railway.

SLIDE IN CULEBRA CUT BLOCKS CANAL TRAFFIC

Several Ships in Waterway at Time Unable to Complete Their Passage.

CHANNEL VIRTUALLY FILLED

Colonel Goethals Hopes Passage Will Be Restored Within Few Days. News Causes No Alarm to Members of Commission.

PANAMA, October 15.—A serious landslide in the Culebra cut at a late hour last night interrupted completely all traffic through the Panama Canal. Several ships in the canal have been unable to complete their passage. The report indicates that there were earth movements on both sides into the channel from the slopes of Gold and Contractors Hills, which are virtually opposite each other. Colonel Goethals and other officials this morning made an examination of the extent of the damage.

The canal probably will be interrupted for some time. The west side of the canal was not affected. There was no slide at Contractors Hill. The slide was on the east side, north of Gold Hill. Large masses of trap rock, mixed with loose earth, sloughed into the channel.

Colonel Goethals was unable to say when the channel again would be navigable, but he hoped within a few days. The debris now virtually fills the channel of the west bank.

Four vessels at Cristobal have been delayed awaiting the opening of a new channel. All available dredges have been put to work to clear out the waterway.

SLIDE WILL HAVE ITS COMPENSATIONS

WASHINGTON, October 15.—News of the landslide into Culebra cut caused no alarm at the Isthmian Canal Commission offices. While regretting the temporary closure of the canal, the officials said the slide would have its compensations from an engineering point of view because it would hasten the final subsidence of the mobile material in the cut, thereby insuring the permanence of the waterway.

It was recalled that in almost every reference to the Culebra Cut operations Colonel Goethals had pointed out the danger of the slide, and that it would be necessary to continue dredging operations there for many months.

TO OPEN IMMENSE COAL RESOURCES OF ALASKA

Bill Revived at Instance of Wilson and Lane Goes Through House Virtually Without Opposition.

WASHINGTON, October 15.—The Alaska coal leasing bill, revived at the instance of President Wilson and Secretary Lane as part of the administration's program of this session, went through its final ordeal in the House to-day virtually without opposition.

The bill is designed to throw open to a system of leases under competitive bidding the immense coal resources of Alaska, tied up the last eight years and pending claims will be adjudicated within a year. The Berlin River, Matanuska and Nenana coal fields, the first surveyed, the government retaining 5,120 acres in the Berlin and 7,680 acres in the Matanuska fields and one-half of all other coal areas. To prevent monopoly or other emergencies, the government reserves the right to mine coal for the benefit of the army and navy or for the operation of the government railroads in Alaska.

Leases will be made in blocks of forty to multiple blocks of 2,560 acres, not exceeding 2,560 acres altogether in any one lease, and to run not more than fifty years. Present coal lands claimed by private individuals may be retained for a period of ten years, after which their rights to patent under the old law, payment being refunded.

Royalties paid by lessees must be at least 2 cents per ton, and may be unrestricted. Proceeds from leases will be used only to reimburse the government for building the Alaskan Railway.

"This is the end of an eight year struggle," said Secretary Lane to-night. "The enactment of the bill is a real victory for a sensible anti-monopoly policy."

Less than a week ago the measure was regarded as dead. It now awaits only the President's signature to become a law.

Kegley—Withers.

ABINGDON, VA., October 15.—At the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon was celebrated the marriage of Miss Fannie Pinckney Withers and Frederick B. Kegley, of Wytheville.

Before the arrival of the bride party, Miss Hermione Flagler, of the organ, and Miss Helen Davenport and Sadie Kinzel, on violins, played "Traumerel," and just before the ceremony, "O, Perfect Love" was sung by Mrs. P. J. Love. As the familiar strains of the wedding march were heard, down either aisle came the ushers, Judge W. M. Pierce and R. T. Stephenson, and J. W. Bell and H. S. Withers, and took their places near the altar. Following them came the matrons of honor, Mrs. Fred E. Hanson and Mrs. W. S. Dodd.

The bride entered with her brother, W. Pierce Withers. She met at the altar by the groom, who had come in with his best man, John Kegley, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. McMillan, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Kegley, after receiving congratulations from a host of friends, left on the 5:45 train for a trip to New England. After November 15 they will be at home at "Rose Hill," near Wytheville.

The relatives and friends from out-of-town in attendance upon the wedding were: Mrs. D. C. Bowman, of Fredericksburg, Va.; Mrs. E. Bryan Jones and Miss Louise Jones, of Hickory, N. C.; Judge W. M. Pierce, of New York; Miss Inez Kegley and John Kegley, of Wytheville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Peters, of Emory, Va.; Mrs. G. E. Junkin, of Roanoke, Va.; and Mrs. Fred E. Hanson, of Knoxville, Tenn.

INNESES GRANTED BAIL

Without Hearing Testimony, Judge Anderson Orders Bond.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, October 15.—Without hearing testimony, Judge W. S. Anderson, in District Court to-day, ordered that Victor E. Innes and his wife, of Eugene, Oregon, be given their liberty on bond, pending trial on indictments charging murder and conspiracy to murder in connection with the disappearance here last June of Mrs. Elsie Neilsen and her sister, Miss Beatrice Neilsen, of Atlanta, Ga. Bond for Innes was fixed at \$4,000, and for Mrs. Innes at \$2,000. Up to a late hour to-night, neither had arranged for bail.

Shortly before to-day's proceedings, which were on a writ of habeas corpus issued by the court for Innes, Mrs. Neilsen, brother of the missing women, was arrested charged with carrying a pistol. He was disarmed and jailed, but later was released on bond.

MUNSTERBERG WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH LEGACY

Believes by Resigning From Faculty He Gets Harvard Out of Difficult Situation.

DECLINES TO DISCUSS MATTER

Uncle of Major Wiener Thinks Latter's Promise of \$10,000,000 to Educational Institution May Prove Greatest Hoax of European War.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., October 15.—"I feel that I have gotten into a difficult situation by offering my resignation," said Professor Hugo Munsterberg to-night in discussing his tender of withdrawal from the head of the department of psychology. His action followed a notification by Major Clarence Wiener, of London, that he would cancel a legacy of \$10,000,000 to the college unless the famous psychologist was separated from the institution.

"That \$10,000,000," Professor Munsterberg said, "is a great deal of money, and much good could be done with it by the college. It would be too bad if my presence were to cut it off from the institution. The claim that Harvard would be selling out for that amount of money is absurd. Harvard is no longer in a favorable position. If they had tried to put me out, that would have been another matter; but Harvard is too great to be bought in such a manner."

Professor Munsterberg would not discuss the reasons which prompted Major Wiener's action. In a post-card to Dean Briggs, of Harvard, Major Wiener said he objected to Professor Munsterberg's pro-German utterances. That post-card also said a letter would follow, but so far as could be learned the Harvard officials have not received it. Both Munsterberg and Major Wiener, to-day, also said a letter would follow, but so far as could be learned the Harvard officials have not received it.

Munsterberg's resignation probably will be taken up for action at the next meeting of the Harvard corporation, October 26.

MAY PROVE BIGGEST HOAX OF PRESENT TIME

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CLARENDON, VA., October 15.—Whether Harvard University is the victim of the biggest hoax of the European war or is showing more financial adroitness is the question that is puzzling L. Ketterlinus, wealthy uncle of Major Clarence Wiener, to-day.

The latter, veteran of the South African War, and now commanding a brigade of British artillery in France, is reported to have offered to bequeath Harvard \$10,000,000 on condition that Professor Hugo Munsterberg be "freed" from the faculty for "unwarranted pro-German utterances."

Ketterlinus, head of a large lithographic concern here, was surprised when he learned to-day of his nephew's act.

"That's just like Clarence," said he. "But I'm not sure whether he has the \$10,000,000 to leave. If he is basing the bequest on a prospective inheritance from me, Harvard will be disappointed. I haven't \$10,000,000 to leave anybody. Clarence has made some money but he has had several ups and downs. I could not swear that he had more than 2 cents."

MUST LOOK TO RESOURCES OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

W. P. G. Harding, Member of Federal Reserve Board, Discusses Demoralization of Cotton Market.

WASHINGTON, October 15.—The South must look to the resources of its State governments rather than to Federal aid for any reasonable relief from the financial stringency that threatens to follow the demoralization of the cotton market, in the opinion of W. P. G. Harding, a prominent Alabama banker and member of the Federal Reserve Board. In a statement issued here to-night, Mr. Harding urged that immediate relief measures be taken by the several States to tide over a situation that he said was now impossible, both from a legal standpoint and for practical reasons, for the government of the United States to aid, either as purchaser of cotton or as a lender upon it as security.

"Much valuable time has been lost in pursuing this phantom hope, and the sooner our people abandon the chase the better. If anything is to be done toward creating an artificial market, such action must be taken by the Southern States for themselves."

Gemmington—Scott.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

AMHERST, VA., October 14.—On Wednesday evening one of the most beautiful weddings ever witnessed at Amherst was solemnized at Ascension Episcopal Church, when Miss Anne Elizabeth Scott, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landon Scott, Sr., became the bride of Victor von Gemmington, of Kenbridge, Va. Rev. Joseph B. Dunn, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lynchburg, was the officiating minister, and the ring ceremony was used.

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IN COLLISION WITH FREIGHTER

Crash Occurs In Dense Fog as United Fruit Company's Ship Is Nearing Port—"S. O. S." Calls Answered by Six or Eight Vessels.

NEW YORK, October 15.—The steamer Metapan, coming in from Colon, founded in the lower harbor late today, after a collision with the freighter Iowan, leaving port for San Francisco. All the Metapan's seventy-seven passengers and her crew were rescued. Less damage was sustained by the Iowan, which stood by while her boats took aboard two of the Metapan's passengers.

The remainder were transferred to rescuing craft and landed in New York to-night.

At a late hour, the freighter remained at anchor near the scene of the collision. Passengers on the Metapan said her bow was badly twisted, but the exact damage could not be learned.

The Metapan is a United Fruit Company steamer, and sailed from Colon on October 3 for this port. The crash occurred in a dense fog, as the Metapan was nearing port, according to her officers and passengers. The freighter was first seen when she was only a short distance away. In an effort to avert the crash, the Iowan is said to have let go her anchor, but the headway was greater than she could overcome. She hit the Metapan about thirty feet from the bow of the ship on the port quarter, plowing through the steel and woodwork.

The Metapan keeled over on her starboard side, and the United States dredge Atlantic, and the British cruiser Lancaster, on patrol duty off this harbor.

It was seen that the steamer was sinking. Captain H. Spencer of the Metapan, asked the pilot the way to the nearest shoal water, and the vessel was headed in that direction. He also ordered out the boats, and all hands were taken off the steamer without panic or confusion.

J. K. Holbrook, a member of the party said:

"I was standing on the deck well forward when the collision occurred. I saw the ship that struck us coming up out of the fog—running, apparently at full speed. The shock was terrific and the Metapan keeled over on her starboard side. The Iowan was swinging around broadside with us by the force of the impact and for a time close to our spar. It could be seen that the Metapan was doomed and I heard Captain Spencer ask the pilot the direction of the nearest shoal water. He then ordered out the boats and we were in them and floating about the sinking ship in the water about five minutes. Twenty-eight of the passengers put on board the Atlantic afterwards, were taken off the dredge in tugs and brought to the city. Forty-seven passengers were picked up by the fishing schooner R. C. Dundy and landed at Sheephead Bay."

BOY TAKES FRENCH LEAVE

Youngster Suspected of Stealing Harrow Escapes from Juvenile Home.

Dick Holmes, fourteen years of age and colored to a degree, started on a career of crime yesterday. After being arrested as a suspected character suspected of stealing a set of harness, Dick was sent to the Colored Detention Home. About fifteen minutes after he had been turned over to the authorities there, the Second Precinct Station was notified that Dick had taken French leave. Forty-five minutes later he had been recaptured and returned to the home. At that report he was still awaiting his arraignment in the juvenile court.

The little negro, suspected of stealing the set of pony harness stolen from Nicholas Drake's stable, 1206 Floyd Avenue, several days ago, Patrolman Leiss, who arrested him, recovered the harness and took him to the home. He was later arrested by patrolman Stockman and returned to the custody of the juvenile authorities.

Small Boy Arrested.

Sim Austin, a twelve-year-old colored boy, was yesterday arrested by Detectives Krongel and Thurman, charged with stealing jewelry, valued at \$136.50, from Mrs. J. A. Percy. The detectives succeeded in going to the stolen articles from beneath the boy's house, where he is alleged to have hidden time being. He was sent to the Colored Detention Home and will be arraigned in the juvenile court to-day.

Bowman—Woodson.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HARRISONBURG, VA., October 15.—Miss Susan Woodson, daughter of Assessor R. Lee Woodson, of Harrisonburg, and Claude M. Bowman, of Franklin, Va., were married yesterday by Rev. H. M. Canter, D. D.

The Treatment of Influenza or La Grippe

It is quite refreshing these days to read of a clearly defined treatment for influenza or La Grippe. In an article in the "Lancet Clinic," Dr. James Bell, of New York City, says he is convinced that too much medication is both unnecessary and injurious.

When called to a case of La Grippe, the patient is usually seen when the fever is present as the first stage. Occasionally, users in the disease, has generally passed away. Dr. Bell then orders that the bowels be opened freely with salts. Actolol, or citrate of magnesia. For the high fever, severe headache, pain and general soreness, one Anti-kamie tablet every three hours is quickly followed by complete relief. Ask for A-K Tablets. They are also excellent for headache, neuralgia and all pains.

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CONVENTION VOTES ITSELF SUPREME POWER OF LAND

All Military Chieftains, Including Villa, Zapata and Carranza, Are Subject to Its Orders.

MEXICO CITY, October 15.—All the military chieftains, including Villa, Zapata and Carranza, now are subject to the orders of the Aguascalientes convention, which to-day, after a stormy secret session, voted itself the supreme power of the land. The delegates took oath to abide by the majority vote on all questions, including the form of government and presidential succession.

The question of the kind of government that shall prevail will be decided at a session to be held October 20, when a full Zapata delegation, numbering twenty-two men, will be present.

Prominent delegates to the conference say the question of further civil strife in Mexico City has been definitely decided, and that peace is assured.

Under the new arrangement General Carranza can be a candidate for the presidency in the general elections.

South Richmond Democrats to Meet.

The monthly meeting of the South Richmond Democratic Club will be held to-night in Fraternal Hall, Eleventh and Hull Streets. This will be the first meeting since the club was reorganized. The routine business will be transacted.

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